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Re Application of:

Keeney, et al.

Application No.: 09/821,104

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LEVELS DETERMINED BY IDENTIFYING AREAS OF INTEREST**

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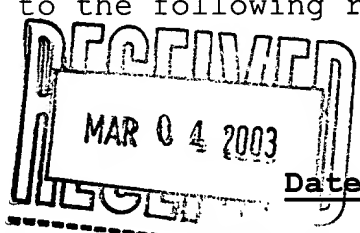
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
EPO	0 240 336	Oct. 7, 1987
EPO	0 402 954	Dec. 19, 1990
EPO	0 735 773	Oct. 2, 1996



Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicant's

counterpart international patent application no. PCT/US02/09472
(MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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